

## Social Side of Washington

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Washington, D. C., May 27.—Summer plans are developing fast under the hottest rays Old Sol has cast on the capital for many years. A number of faces are already missing from the haunts of the smart set, and many more will be gone in a fortnight. There will not, however, be a general exodus until after July 1, for until then, important weddings will dot the social calendar almost every day until late June, when the Taft silver wedding anniversary will recall many to the city. Then there are the obligatory, but none the less enjoyable, farewells to retiring diplomats, and welcomes to their successors in the foreign corps; a new cabinet family to welcome as soon as the Dickinsons are bidden Goodspeed to their Tennessee home, and a continuation of the hospitalities to Mr. Fisher, the Madero of Taft's political army.

The glad hand is extended to Charles S. Millington, who succeeds Charles Hill as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, when the latter became secretary to the President, and Mrs. Millington, while Mr. and Mrs. Hill are cordially felicitated upon their so-called promotion. A new councilor for the State Department is greeted in C. P. Anderson, whose wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Ward, of this city, is the sister of Madame Riano, wife of the Spanish minister, whose return here last May was celebrated by a wide circle in passing it over. It is interesting to note that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have signified their intention of returning with compound interest, the welcome they are receiving by purchasing this week the handsomest residence available in the old fashionable quarter.

Greetings are also extended very cordially to Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, widow of California's late Senator and philanthropist, and mother of W. R. Hearst, of newspaper and political fame. While here for her annual spring visit, Mrs. Hearst is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, at their country home, "Friendship," near the National Cathedral School for Girls, founded by Mrs. Hearst.

One of the most distinguished gatherings Washington has ever seen was brought together by the conference for the protection of industrial property, which opened with a reception at the White House and closed with a banquet at the New Willard to-night. There were in attendance as delegates men of affairs from every country with which Uncle Sam has commercial relations, and as many were accompanied by their families, society gave them a warm welcome—so did the weather man!

The British ambassador and Mrs. Bryce observed "Empire Day" on Wednesday, when they held a large reception and had as special guests the Canadian delegation to the fair seal conference. Earlier in the day, members of the conference were entertained at luncheon by the Secretary of State. Mr. and Mrs. Knox were also dinner hosts during the week, having as guests of honor the governing board of the Pan-American Union, of which Mr. Knox is ex-officio president, and John Barrett, the director-general. The table, an open oval, was set in the "Hall of the Americas," in the beautiful new Temple of Peace, used as the official home of the twenty-one American republics in the Pan-American Union. The floral decorations, napery and silver, left nothing to be desired. The company assembled to enjoy the effect was equally perfect from the connoisseur's point of view, for in addition to the specially invited guests and their wives, there were present the members of the Foreign Relations Committees in the House and Senate and their wives. Included in the latter were Representative and Mrs. Henry A. Cooper, of Wisconsin; Representative and Mrs. Flood, of Virginia; Representative and Mrs. Sulzer, of New York; Representative and Mrs. Jefferson M. Levy, of New York, and one add, Virginia, in memory of the Jefferson of "Monticello," the home of Thomas Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee.

The old superstition about the month of May for brides is passing—evidence, the usual number of weddings celebrated or to be celebrated in this beautiful month at the capital. The May military bride was Miss Dorothy Langitt, who on Thursday became the wife of Lieutenant Francis Bowditch Wilby, U. S. A. The ceremony was a charming finale to a series of entertainments for a very popular young woman—one whose short life has chiefly been spent at the Washington years commandant, or at the forts hard by.

Miss Mayland Marshall, daughter of General and Mrs. W. M. Marshall, was among the "best" to entertain the bride while she was Miss Langitt. Invited to meet the latter were Miss Margaret E. H. of Illinois, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Haverd, of Connecticut, a bridesmaid; Mrs. Richard Moore, Miss Ruth Bliss, and the men of the wedding party, who, like the groom-to-be, wore the full uniform of their rank in the army.

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GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

Another delightful event of Thursday was the dinner given in honor of the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman by the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Huntington Wilson, which was lifted out of the ordinary by the mingled Occidental and Oriental setting of the Wilson home—a setting best described as artistically suggestive of the owners' residence in the East, rather than bizarre.

The White House debutante contest to be the most entertained young woman hereabouts by the record for two days this week was a morning ride, followed by a picnic at Great Falls, with the Assistant-Commander, U. S. N., and Mrs. Walter R. Cherrard as hosts, a twenty-mile automobile trip and dinner in the evening at the home of Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Beckman Winthrop, with dancing to close the day.

The following day she was the guest for whom Mrs. Meyer and the Misses Meyer, wife and daughters of the Secretary of the Navy, entertained a large picnic party, which dispersed after long rides to and from the chosen spot of historic interest, a dinner and morning dance at the home.

Yesterday afternoon she received for her mother at the last of the season's garden fetes on the White House lawn, unless Mrs. Taft's health improves sufficiently for her to inaugurate another series for June.

The peace conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., drew many officials to the Empire State during the week. Among the more prominent in attendance were members of the diplomatic corps, who went as the special delegates of their respective governments. Mr. A. K. Khan, chargé d'affaires of Persia, whose American wife has done so much to awaken that far-off empire to a sense of its responsibility in maintaining the peace of the Orient, was there, booked for a speech, which those who know him realize was delivered in polished English.

With the Bolivian minister on his Northern trip were his bride and a young daughter by his previous marriage, Senator Ellen Calderon, who is as American in manner and culture as her